REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment rewrites claims 5-9, 11 and 12, and presents a new abstract. The amendments to the claims merely eliminate multiple dependencies and conform the claims to U.S. practice. The new abstract is based on the PCT abstract. Claims 1-12 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement and a Recordation Form Cover Sheet are attached.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Prompt and favorable examination of this application is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Substitute Abstract

Information Disclosure Statement

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ABSTRACT

An inclusion complex of a lignan or lignan ester with a cyclodextrin. Also disclosed are food products, dietary supplements and pharmaceutical compositions containing the complex.